

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
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7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously presented) A method for receiving text messages in a telecommunications network, the method comprising the steps of:  
receiving an incoming call from a calling user device coupled to the telecommunications network to a called user device coupled to the telecommunications network;  
sending an indication of the incoming call to the called user device, including an option to receive voice or text;  
receiving a response from the called user device indicating that text is desired;  
sending to the calling user device an indication that text is desired;  
determining whether the calling user device will respond with text or voice;  
in response to an indication that the calling user device will send text, receiving a first text message from the calling user device; and  
sending the first text message to the called user device.
9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of determining whether the calling user device will respond with voice or text includes checking a user device profile of the calling user device.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of determining whether the calling user will respond with voice or text includes receiving a response from the calling user device indicating whether the calling user device will respond in voice or text.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the first text message is sent over a packet-based network.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein in response to an indication that the calling user device will send voice, receiving a voice message from the calling device and converting the voice message into the first text message.